

REMARKS

Examiner Hamdan is thanked for the courtesies extended during the Office Interview on March 3, 2004.

The Interview Summary is believed to be a complete and proper summary of what was discussed at the Interview. As stated in the Interview Summary, "FIG. 1 was labeled in error as 'Prior Art' and the office action mailed on 07/21/2003 was based on the FIG. 1 as a Prior Art. Applicant stated in the interview that it was an error, and it is one embodiment of the invention, the examiner agrees that FIG. 1 is not a prior art, which overcomes the rejection. Also discussed the 112 rejection, which it also overcame, since 'such as' in certain circumstances is acceptable." The Examiner also stated that "[f]urther consideration and search is needed after the examiner receives the applicant's response in writing."

The Specification has been amended for clarification purposes related to the designation of Figure 1.

Also, Applicant respectfully suggests that Examiner's request on page 2, paragraph 4 to designate Figure 2 as Prior Art is incorrect because Figure 2 represents an embodiment of Applicant's invention.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is hereby requested in view of Examiner's acknowledgment, as stated in the Interview Summary, that the phrase "'such as' in certain circumstances is acceptable."

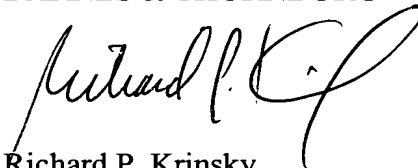
Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 14, 18, 19, 24, 25, 28, 29 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Vander Griendt, *et al.* and Claims 3, 4, 10-13, 15-17, 20-23, 26, 27 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vander Griendt (U.S. Patent 4,337,719) in view of McCoy (U.S. Patent 6,257,136) is hereby requested in view of Examiner's agreement, as quoted above from the Interview Summary.

In view of all of the above, Claims 1-33 are in condition for allowance, and such is hereby requested.

In view of all of the above, the Application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (5723-68359).

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachments:

Amendment to the Specification
Amendment to the Drawings